

‘SINNERS Jesus will receive’;  
Say this word of grace to all  
Who the heavenly pathway leave,  
All who linger, all who fall;  
This can bring them back again,  
‘Christ receiveth sinful men.’

2 Sick, and sorrowful, and blind,  
I, with all my sins, draw nigh;  
O my Saviour, Thou canst find  
Help for sinners such as I;  
Speak that word of love again,  
‘Christ receiveth sinful men.’

3 Now my soul is comforted,  
For Thy blood has washed away  
All my sins, though crimson-red;  
And I stand in white array,  
Purged from every spot and stain;  
‘Christ receiveth sinful men.’

4 ‘Christ receiveth sinful men’:  
Even me, with all my sin;  
Opens Heaven to me again;  
With Him I may enter in:  
Death has no more sting nor pain;  
‘Christ receiveth sinful men.’

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